GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 4.70 Ha of forest land in Chittoor (East) Division for construction of New Broad Guage Line from Tindivanam – Nagari in favour of Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), Tambaram – Final (stage-II) approval accorded.

ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.45 **Dated.14.07.2022**

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF & HoFF, Lr.No.14439/2017/FCA-1, Dt.14-6-2018.
2. State Govt.Lr.No.EFS01-12021/61/Section-II/2018, dated.06-07-2018.
3. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr No.4-APB064/2018-CHN/1114, Dt.17-07-2018.
4. From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.14439/2017/FCA-1, dt:25.06.2022.
5. State Govt.Lr.No.2852/Section-II/2018 (509338), EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated.27.06.2022.
6. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr No.4-APB064/2018-CHN/452, Dt.28.06.2022.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.70 Ha of forest land in Chittoor (East) Division for construction of New Broad Guage Line from Tindivanam – Nagari in favour of Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), Tambaram for taking necessary action in the matter.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, Chennai, for its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has furnished the compliance report on the Stage-I conditions and requested to consider the same and forward to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for taking necessary action to accord Stage-II approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, State Government forwarded the compliance report to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada and requested to accord Final(Stage-II) approval for the proposal vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.70 Ha of forest land in Chittoor (East) Division for construction of New Broad Guage Line from Tindivanam – Nagari in favour of Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), Tambaram, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. After careful examination of the proposal, the Government hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 4.70 Ha of forest land in Chittoor (East) Division for construction of New Broad Guage Line from Tindivanam – Nagari in favour of Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), Tambaram, subject to the following conditions: -

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency;

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3. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over **9.80 ha** of degraded forest land identified in Compt No. 397 of Pullur West RF Range, from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
4. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
5. The user agency shall construct required number of water troughs at the project cost on either side of the proposed track at different locations, to provide water to the wild animals in consultation with the DFO concerned;
6. No station or point of halt shall be commissioned in the forest area. The railways shall look for alternative technical options in this regard;
7. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
8. The debris / earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed off or reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outsides the forest area;
9. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
10. Felling shall be restricted to removal of trees only where it is necessary. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible, instead of felling, at the cost of user agency;
11. Trees/bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement and with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
12. Work shall be taken up only during day time;
13. The Forest Department shall ensure to plant adequate number of red sanders trees to compensate the felling of red sanders species involved in this project;
14. The User Agency shall construct enough number of bridges for connecting the wild life corridor on either side of railway track at the project cost in consultation with the Forest Department;
15. In case of any steep slope arising out along the alignment, the slope should be reduced to facilitate movement of wildlife animals especially heavy bodied and slow moving animals;
16. Appropriate soil conservation measures shall be taken to reduce silt load in the run-off to avoid negative impact on the water bodies;
17. **Traffic on the proposed track shall be controlled to minimize the chances of wildlife hits. Speed limit for the train shall be decided by the railway authorities in consultation with CWLW as per terrain and presence of wildlife etc. Moreover, railway authorities shall abide by any restrictions on speed imposed by the State Forest Department as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;**
18. The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance, if required;
19. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without the prior approval of the Central Government;
20. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.70 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
21. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
22. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

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23. The user agency and the State Forest Department shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
24. Any osssther conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
25. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPCIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction),
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